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VIS SOFTWARE

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Now that VIS™ has been launched, we will have information about it in each Merchandising Newsletter. We will provide updates on the latest developments in our VIS line and in the VIS marketplace. And look here for announcements about new VIS software.

Software is the reason to buy VIS! The home education category continues to be a strong emphasis for a customer when purchasing a VIS. So be sure to demonstrate titles which show what a wonderful learning aid VIS can be.

To help you know what's available, this insert lists titles in three areas: ***Information, Learning***, and ***Fun***. These titles represent a wealth of information — more than enough to keep a user happily occupied for a long time! And more is coming! While initial software offerings were those that could be developed relatively quickly, more complex software such as *Links* (now shipping) will be arriving in the coming months.

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VIS Software Titles

Comptons Multimedia Encyclopedia
The full text of Comptons Encyclopedia is brought to life with pictures and sound on a single compact disc. Comptons Multimedia Encyclopedia includes thousands of illustrations, exciting animated sequences, and even actual recorded speech of historical figures. A $599.00 value included *free* with each VIS unit!
Included.....Free!

Information

American Heritage Illustrated Encyclopedia Dictionary
Includes over 3000 full-color pictures and images. Program pronounces each word.
Publisher: Xiphias
25-6100 .....$79.95

Better Homes and Gardens Healthy Cooking
This cookbook suggests recipes based on available ingredients. It includes a full-motion video of techniques, photographs of each recipe, full recipe directions, ethnic music, comprehensive indexing, and a calorie counter.
Publisher: Multicom
25-6142 .....$59.95

Electronic Library of Art — A Survey of Western Art
The Electronic Library editors have assembled a wide variety of art into a cohesive collection. Covers painting, sculpture, architecture, and other art objects of interest to students and art lovers.
Publisher: EBook
25-6153 .....$79.95

New Basics Electronic Cookbook
A complete library of recipes from the Silver Palate cookbook series with more than 70 voice-overs by Silver Palate authors with helpful kitchen hints. Over 500 full-color pictures.
Publisher: Xiphias
25-6101 .....$69.95

Time Table of Arts and Entertainment
Historical context for searches, including musical sound segments which give a taste of the world's classic compositions. Includes over 700 pictures, portraits, museums, and segments of famous documents and musical scores.
Publisher: Xiphias
25-6102 .....$59.95

Time Table of Business, Politics, and Media
Time-line narration provides historical context for searches. Includes over 700 full-color pictures and images, portraits, graphs, animations, and segments of important documents.
Publisher: Xiphias
25-6103 .....$59.95

Time Table of Science and Innovation
Time-line narrations provide historical context for search of 700-plus full-color pictures, images, portraits, animations, and bibliographic references. Sounds include the first television broadcast, Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon, and more.
Publisher: Xiphias
25-6104 .....$59.95

Learning

Aesop's Fables
Selection of well-known Aesop's Fables, complete with their moral conclusions. The wide range of built-in education options includes music and sound effects to enhance reader appreciation, and second language audio background.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6136 .....$49.95

Better Not Get Wet, Jesse Bear
Young children will fully identify with Jesse Bear's delight in water play. The VIS version adds engaging music and delightful sounds to the story.
Publisher: MacMillan New Media
25-6201 .....$29.95

Cinderella. The Original Fairy-Tale
A classic that generations of adults and children have enjoyed. Ask your VIS to read your favorite passage, to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even to identify objects that appear in accompanying pictures.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6131 .....$49.95

December 24th
Experience and enjoy a visit to Grandpa's and Grandma's house on a special day. VIS adds engaging music and sounds to this Denys Cazet classic.
Publisher: MacMillan New Media
25-6182 .....$29.95

Heather Hits Her First Home Run
The bases are loaded, her friend Jeffrey is on third, and everyone's calling for a home run as Heather steps up to bat. Let VIS read your favorite passage, explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even identify objects in the accompanying pictures.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6133 ..... $49.95

Henry and Mudge — The First Book
Henry and Mudge, a boy and his dog, are meant to be together. Most often they are — but not always. VIS adds delightful sounds, music and interactive pictures, as well as word pronunciation for young readers.
Publisher: MacMillan New Media
25-6174 ..... $29.95

Henry and Mudge in the Sparkle Days
The VIS version of this story adds engaging music and delightful sounds. You can read each page yourself, or choose to have the story read to you. Click on pictures or words to hear them pronounced.
Publisher: MacMillan New Media
25-6175 ..... $29.95

Introductory Games for Learning Spanish
Learn Spanish through interactive games and stories.
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
25-6117 ..... $49.95

Introductory Games for Learning German
Learn German through interactive games and stories.
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
25-6118 ..... $49.95

Introductory Games for Learning French
Learn French through interactive games and stories.
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
25-6119 ..... $49.95

Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear
Whimsical verse and bright, enchanting illustrations will make this a cherished favorite that even the youngest reader will want to return to again and again.
Publisher: MacMillan New Media
25-6200 ..... $29.95

A Long Hard Day On The Ranch
Desperate bandits, runaway cattle, wild stallions, hungry ranch hands, mountain lions, and broken toes hold no terrors for our hero. Let VIS read your favorite passage — just point and click.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6132 ..... $44.95

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache
Moving for a little boy is very hard. How do you move your favorite climbing tree, or say good-bye to your best friend? Discis Books help the little boy find a solution, and it's simple to use: just point and click.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6134 ..... $49.95

Mud Puddle
Meet a walking mud puddle and see how it continually ambushes one little girl. Ask your VIS to read your favorite passage, to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even identify objects in pictures.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6128 ..... $49.95

The Night Before Christmas
Accompanied by striking Arthur Rackham illustrations, this tale is a classic both adults and children will enjoy. Let your VIS read your favorite passages, explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even identify objects that appear in the pictures.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6135 ..... $39.95

The Paper Bag Princess
A delightful tale of a heroine who outsmarts a fierce dragon and learns an important lesson about love. Let VIS read your favorite passage or explain an unfamiliar word.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6127 ..... $49.95

Peter and the Wolf
With music by Serge Prokafiev and narration by Jack Lemmon, this classic tale delights both the young and the old.
Publisher: EBook
25-6154 ..... $49.95

Rick Ribbit's Adventures in Learning
Join animated frog Rick Ribbit in learning colors, shapes, numbers, letters, and words. Has a special "magic mirror" in a fun-learning atmosphere.
Publisher: Integrated Systems
25-6172 ..... $29.95

Scary Poems for Rotten Kids
This comic anthology by award-winning poet Sean Ohuigin takes young readers on a fun-filled tour of the terrible. Let VIS read your favorite poem, or point and click to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6130 ..... $49.95

Search for the Sea
Search for the Sea is an interactive story which teaches children about earth, natural science, and the environment through an instructional and entertaining multimedia format.
Publisher: Multicom
25-6143 ..... $59.95

The Tale of Benjamin Bunny
This tale is another in the classic Peter Rabbit series by Beatrix Potter. You can ask the VIS system to read your favorite passage, to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even to identify objects in pictures.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6126 ..... $59.95

The Tale of Peter Rabbit
This is the classic tale of naughty Peter Rabbit, written and illustrated by Beatrix Potter. You can ask the VIS system to read your favorite passages, to explain or pronounce unfamiliar words, and even to identify objects in pictures.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6125 ..... $49.95

Thomas' Snowsuit
Watch how everyone tries to get Thomas into his detested new snowsuit, and see how they all end up wearing it instead. Discis books are very simple: just point and click to have VIS read your favorite story.
Publisher: Discis
Languages: English, Spanish
25-6129 ..... $49.95

Fun

Great Lives Series: Interactive Biographies of American Heroes, Volume I
This volume includes biographies of Gutzon Borglum (Mt. Rushmore), Juliette Gordon Low (Girl Scouts), and Lou "Iron Horse" Gehrig (a baseball great). It provides music, songs, pictures, and narration to give a full interactive experience.
Publisher: The JLR Group
25-6148 ..... $29.95

Links
Links is the world's finest golf simulations to play at home.
Publisher: Access Software
25-6114 ..... $69.95

The Meeting of the Minds
Interactive games of history, art, music, and ideas. This exciting game, hosted by Steve Allen, is both entertaining and educational for children and adults.
Publisher: The JLR Group
25-6147 ..... $39.95

Smart Challenge One
Enigmania is an interactive challenge for those who enjoy puzzles. Blow it up and then reassemble it on the screen. Helps develop logical reasoning skills with a fresh look at an old game: Agua Logic.
Publisher: Arkeo
25-6176 ..... $19.95